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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SANTINI-MEADOWS TALKS

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1. SANTINI CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT NECESSITY TO DEAL WITH PANAM 747 FREQUENCY REQUEST HAD CAUSED HIM TO POSTPONE SCHEDULED TALKS. ALTHOUGH HE CONCEDED DECISION ALREADY MADE AND CONVEYED TO PANAM, HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ITALIAN POSITION ON THIS MATTER UNTIL AFTER A MEETING SCHEDULED HERE FOR MONDAY JAN 19. ASSUMING MEETING GOES WELL HE MIGHT BE ABLE TOPREPARE POSTION PAPERS TUESDAY AND DEPART FOR U.S. WEDNESDAY. ASKED EMBASSY TO INQUIRE WHETHER MEADOWS WOULD BE AVAILABLE JAN 22-24 IF SANTINI ABLE TO COME ON THOSE DATES.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH SERAFINI OF FONMIN, EMBOFF MADE POINTS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. SERAFINI RESPONDED THAT SINCE THERE IS NO AGREEMENT, THERE IS NO NECESSITY FOR CONSULTATIONS AND FREQUENCY REQUESTS CAN BE APPROVED OR DENIED UNILATERALLY. FURTHERMORE, ITALY HAD HAD NO INVITATION TO CONSULT NOR EVEN A FORMAL REPLY TO ITS OUT-STANDING REQUEST FOR RIGHTS TO LOS ANGELES. HE VENTURED PERSONAL OPINION THAT SOLUTION TO CURRENT PROBLEM MAY LIE IN EXCHANGE OF 747 RIGHTS FOR GRANTING OF L.A. RIGHTS TO ITALY WHILE OVERALL TALKS CONTINUE. SERAFINI SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED AND CONVEYED TO SANTINI MESSAGE FROM

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WASHINGTON EMBASSY CONTAINING MEADOW'S SUGGESTION FOR TALKS BEGINNING JANUARY 22.
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